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THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN WILL, In a few days, publish in its columns a directory of the hetels and hourding houses of Washington, These destring to avail themselves of its advantages will please send in their names and addivises to the business office of this paper.

SEXATORS and representatives arriving in the city are respectfully requested to send petice of their arrival and their Washington address to the office of the National Re

THE quiet simplicity of the Vanderbilt funeral deserves hearty commendation.

FENCE DEL CAMPO'S proposed transfer to Paris threaters Washington with a quiet

The House of Representatives will meet to-day, but the Senate will continue its rest until Monday.

Nor a single puff of smoke has as yet indicated the near approach of the long-talked of Eastis cruption. THE veteran paragrapher of the Galveston

News cheerfully congratulates himself that "a man seldem gets too old to sin." COLLISIONS of street cars with store fronts are an unpleasant but inevitable result of

the narrowness of streets in Baltimore. ALL along the Pacific slope the anti-Chinese feeling is firing up alarmingly

Trouble may be expected at many points. Voonco doctoring in Baltimore has been slightly discouraged by a three years' son-tence passed on the chief practitioner of

Theme is too strong a Russian flavor in the proposition to establish a penal colony in Alaska for life convicts. Better be marciful and kill them.

In compliance with the spirit of "ex-President" Tilden's message the Swiss fed-eral council has passed a credit for fortifying the strategic position commanding the St. Gothard tunnel and pass.

WHAT is needed in the matter of the ap propriation bills is expedition to getting them before the committee of the whole House. This can be accomplished by their distribution to several committees.

STACE Mr. Blaine left the House of Renresentatives no "man from Maine" in that bulky, balky body has shown such capacity as a party leader and such consummate ability in debate as Thomas B. Reed.

Concressional investigations will soon be in order. These, it should be understood, are a handy contrivance to enable persons of limited means to visit the capital at public expense. Witness fees-mileage and per diem-amply suffice for railroad fare and boarding house bills.

THE Irish-American mind is not disturbed by any doubt that Mr. Parnell will te not only able but disposed to make judicious use of the power which the elections have put into his hands. The American nationalists believe in Mr. Parnell, and their confidence in him is fully justified by his record.

FROM the official vote of New York just published it appears that Hill ran 3,474 votes behind Cook, the candidate for secretary of state, while Jones, who did not pay the freight, ran 7,978 behind Hill. It was supposed that Jones was sufficiently asinine to take him through ahead of all competitors.

FROM the tenor of an able headline in the Philadelphia Times we infer that the artist who constructed it holds the opinion that the people of Washington take to dancing inordinately, almost passionately, as a solace for their deprivation of the right o suffrage. This may be a great chunk of Thilesophy.

"THIRTY-TWO killed and twenty-one wounded since the work began in January, 1884," is the summing up of the New York aqueduct's work as given by one of the commissioners. This is a rate of mortality quite equal to that of an army in actual campelgoing. It is such a disgraceful showing as ought not to have been possible.

THE constitution of the French republic provides that at least, one month before the level termination of the president's functions the chambers, meeting together us the national assembly, shall proceed to the election of his successor. If they are not corvoked the election is arbitrarily fixed for the fiftcenth day preceding the expiration of the term. President Grevy's term will expire on Jan. 10, 1816. Accordingly, the election will take place during the present month by agreement between the two chambers, and will, in all probability, result in M. Grevy's re-election, as he appears to have no formidalle competitor.

The strongholds of free trade in England re formerly the manufacturing centers Manchester taking the lead. The recent election shows a great change to this regard. A leading manufacturer of Manchester has written a long letter to the London Times calling attention to the notable changes among the artisaus. The letter was written on the eve of the elections, as the writer says, "from the midst of one strupples, to point a moral or adornatale," and he adds, "I do not want to emulate the reputation of a prophet, but I am bound to say that a very large number of exceedingly shrewd people in these parts do prophesy that unless a decided change takes place in the condition of trade there will be such a it is the duty of the government to do its movement in Lancashire in the direction work well. To decline the use of electricity of protection as will actouble the quidnums; of the Cobden Club," The writer assert | stick to atom is as anti-progressive as it taut part of all, which was intended to have

that the current of opinion among the actisuns is drifting fast in the direction of reallatory duties, and that one-sided free trade, however theoretically defenable by the oracles of pure science, is most distaste ful to workingmen who are working only three days in every six, and to small expi-talists who during the last four years have been bleeding to death.

Concerning Sundry Rich Men-Eccause it is impossible for any person to perform a great deed without exciting the envy of small minds, and because the

grander the act performed the greater the enmity excited, there need be no surprise that gross and mallelous misstatems have appeared in certain newspapers in one or two of the larger cities respecting the meguificent endowment of a university in California by Leland Stauford and wife The facts in relation to this endowment are that a vast and highly productive es-

tate, including immense wheat fields and great vineyards, and worth not less than \$4,000,000, has been given outright and absolutely, by Senator and Mrs. Stanford to create and support a great institution of learning. No string is tied to the gift, no possible way is left by which the donors or their heirs could recall it under any circumstances. It has passed from their ownership as completely as if sold to a private purchaser and conveyed by a war-

During the life of Mr. Stanford be joined with the trustees in managing the estate and fund accruing therefrom. Athis demise his heirs will have no more con nection with or relation to the property or the university than other citizens.

No other American-not even our own

honored and beloved citizen, W. W. Corceran—has, during his life, given so much for any single public benefaction as Leland Stanford has to this endowment. Johns Hopkins, of Baltimore, gave three and a half millions for a university and a like sum for a kespital, but he parted with none of it till his death. George Peabody gave many nditions for various worthy objects during his life, thus setting an example which may be of as much value as his munificent charities. Stephen Grand's educational gift places his name high on the list of the world's benefactions, but he did not part with his property until be parted from life. Chauncey Rose gave millions during his life, and his memory should be cherished as that of a noble benefactor of mankind. Astor, the Lawrences, Cooper, Springer, and many others deserve enduring gratitude for great and useful gifts to their fellow-men. But, as we have stated, no other American has ever given away in his own lifetime and for a single purpose a fund or property equal to that which Leland Stanford has dedicated to the cause

of liberal learning in the state of California. The NATIONAL REPUBLICAN would not speak unkindly of the dead. It cherished no malice toward William H. Vanderblit when he was in the land of the living, and it certainly will not follow his clay to the grave with maledictions. As the world es, Mr. Vanderbilt was by no means a bad man. He was honest in business transactions and far from miserly in his habits. He was kind to his immediate family and pleasant with his friends. He eucou art, led a well-ordered life, and took only that which, under the laws, was his own It should not be forgotten that when Gon. Grant was thrown into the most painful embarrassment by the rascality of his business partner, Mr. Vanderblit's conduct toward the Old Commander was all that the

highest sense of honor and most refined delicacy could have suggested.

But viewing Mr. Vanderbilt's life at its best, how poor and little worth it seems in com parison with that of Mr. Stanford, Mr. Vanderbilt constructed no great public works. He bought but did not build railfather had rolled and the fifty grew to two hundred millions. Mr. Stanford's life has been a great factor in developing the resources of the country. He has planned and executed grand enterprises which have added immensely to the sum-total of the world's happiness. He has been the source of competency to thousands who might else have continued to live in poverty. Through his labors the possessions of great

voluntarily lays it on the altar of benevolence—a gift to humanity. Mr. Vanderbilt will be remembered as the richest man of his time; Mr. Stauford as the

The Courier-Item, a Democratic newspaper published in California, in an editorial entitled "Stanford University," says: The munificent endowment proposed and last week consummated, and the gigantic and comprehensive character of the institution to be created, were so far above and beyond the ordinary thoughts and plans of men as to awaken a sentiment akin to veneration for the

men and woman who had overcome and risen so far above the common selfshuess of the human race as to be able to voluntarily lay down a fortune of such colossal proportions— not under the impulse of emotion or fanatical self-abnegation, but calmif, with deliberation and foresight. Referring to the prejudice against Mr.

Stanford by reason of his connection with a great railway, the Courier-Item adds:

The name of Stanford now signifies the pre dent of a corporation commonly considered as a monstrous monopoly, a United States senster, Republican in politics, and, consequently an "offensive partisan" to the eyes of many but when Stanford the rallroad king, when Stanford the governor and senator, shall have passed into eternal oblivion, the name "Stan-ford" will then signify a seat of learning, famous not alone in California but throughout the realm of civilization.

No grander monument could be erected to commemorate a life, and he who erects such a monument does not die, except in a very restricted sense of the word. Centuries hence the Stanfords, Peabodys, Girards, Hopkinnes, Corcorans, Roses, Lawrences, Coopers, Springers, Do Pauws Montefiores, and all others who have erected or shall creet such monuments as theirs, will still be living among men in the activities of beneficent influences.

The NATIONAL REPUBLICAN is decide By in favor of postal telegraphy, and hopes that the subject will be persistently pressed on the attention of Congress to the end that favorable action may be had at the earliest practicable date.

Whether the Edmund's bill is so good that it cannot be improved is a question we ere not called upon to decide. That massare is the result of much study on the part of the distinguished senator, and will probably be found as acceptable and as near an anprouch to the requirements of the altuation.

s mny that can be framed. The Senate postal committee gave this subject very extended consideration during the forty cighth Congress. The friends und cusmies of portal telegraphy were heard at great length. It is doubtful if the committhe will need much time to reach a conclu-

sion and submit a report, Inespuch as the povernment has not only taken charge of the husbness of earsying written communications between individmile, but has problifted private or corporate enterprise from taking may part thereta, In the transmission of communications and

would have been, when steamships and locometive engines come into use, to have rejected them and clung touselously to

ling ships and horse power. The entire postal system is paternal, but we do not understand that even the most fattiful disciples of defferent propose to standen it. We assume that it is to be solvered to. This being the case, let the

system to perfected.

Why should the government cling to a ethed which requires days to do what way be dece in seconds 9

It is the duty of the Navowal Province an, as a faithful advocate of protection, to guin protest against the folly of some of the friends of that good cames, by the as thew delivered on the decreas of po-

The Philadelphia Inquirer employs an argument against taking appropriation bils out of the control of Mr. Hamilali which belittles and degrades the opposition to free trude. It clearges that the purpose of the proposed changes in the rules of the House is "to prevent anything burning the way of the intended tartif reduction measures."

If the opponents of tariff legislation smovy which there is none more carnest than the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, were compelled to rely on Mr. Randall's ability to control legislation so as to prevent the House from considering any tariff till they would be in a very bad way. Whenever the free traders have full legislative power-a majority in both house and a friend in the white housethey will pass a free trade bill, as will be their clear right. If our protection friends had nothing better to depend on than the arbitrary power of one man to embarrass, interrupt, and delay proceedings they would do well to let their hopeless cause go

by the boards. The plain truth is that, if a majority of the House wants to stir up another tariff disturbance, the work should be begun and ended without any resort to trickery by the minority. If the business of the coun try must have another demoralization, let ft come on. The sooner the proposed tariff till gets before the House and through the Rouse the earlier will be its demise in the

The Republican party will never consent to be placed before the country in the atti-tude of a minority dickering with a Damo erat to give him control of the proceedings of the House, on condition that he use such power to delay business for the purpose of preventing a discussion of any question of

public policy.

If our Philadelphia contemporary cannot make protection and common sense consist it will do well to leave the defense of the

#### tariff to these who defend a cause more creditably. The Senate and the House.

By reference to the proceedings of the Senate, as they have appeared during the week, It will be seen that this part-and this only-of the legislative mechanism has begun the serious and weighty business of the session as if duly mindful of the amount and importance of the work expected of the forty-ninth Congress.

It is true that the Senate is always an organized body, while the House is recreated once in two years. It is true, also, that the Senate is a small, compact, and manageable body, while the House is large, naturally inclined to disorder, and difficult of restraint.

But if there be no radical defect in our system these two co-ordinate branches of the legislative department should be able to work with something like an approach to similarity of expedition. It is absorbately indispensable to the progress of necessary legislation that the House should put is much work in a given time as it has been in the habit of doing.

For years past the most valuable part of the work to which the Senate has given its best efforts for many mouths has been thrown away, because of the inability of the House to give it consideration before the death of a Congress.

For as many years past the most impor-tant work of the House has been tumbled communities have been doubled or qual- into the Senate in huge and almost indirupled in value. And, now, while yet in gestible masses during the crosing hours of the activities of a busy, great career, he takes a large portion of his wealth and consideration at the expense of a special session of Congress.

It is the imperative duty of the House to so amend its rules that it will be able to do at east twice as much work per day or week as it has done in recent years. In face of this paramount necessity the dignity of particular committees and the incidental mportance of individual members are comparatively trivial matters.

### The Wine Interest.

The use of pure wine is doing more for genuine temperance reform than any other ngency whatever; and statistics show the consumption of distilled liquors, as beverages, is being rapidly reduced year by year Even now they are used as much for me-

chanical and medical purposes as any other. The pioneers of our American wine industry-the late Nicholas Longworth, Mr. Arpad Harassthy, Mr. Oscar Reierson, and others—have done good work in the great wine districts of California, Missouri, the lake regions, New York, and in the great eastern wine district, which includes portions of Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, and North Carolina; but much remains to be done. First of all, the quality of their wines should be brought up, as near as may be, to the Morizet See standard, which stands highest among imported wines with connoisscurs.

The commissioner of agriculture made n 1880, a very interesting special "Report upon Statistics of Grape Culture and Wine Production in the United States," in which gave our wine producers a bit of good advice in the matter of improvements, stating that there was "much to be done in the mprovement of the culture of the vine ards, and many reforms to be made in the

cellars of American wine producers,"

Eince the publication of its special report for 1880, the department of agriculture has made no further inquiry regarding our native wine interest, but it is now under stood that Commissioner Colman will take up the subject. It is to be hoped that he will do so. No one is better fitted for the work of promoting this great interest.

Commissioner Colman's success in the application of the diffusion process in the andfacture of sorghum sugar wher others had, after fifteen years effort, utterly failed is remarkable. In his report to Congress he says:

gratifying. The degree of extraction was fully 25 per cent, of the total augurs present. Mo-chanical difficulties in the form of the ap-paratus which could not have been foreseen terfered, somewhat, with the successi caking of the process economically, but the

Reports from other sources give the commissioner more credit than he even claims. The diffusion battery, which was built to consume one hundred tons of sorghum cano in twenty-four hours, or four and one-sixti tons per hour, worked at its first trial, ac charge, up to within baif a ton pur hour of

Its intended maximum capacity,
The super case cutter, the most impor-

a capacity of four and one-sixth tone of case per hour, was found, according to efficial report, to give good satisfaction, with a capacity of six tons per hour, giving pirely growed chip well suited for

In short, the object sought by Congre in authorizing the experiment was reached at the first trial. The success of the diffusion oeses as applied to sorghum cane was eriments the leading sugar manufacturers f Kansus at once commenced the work of sganicing a company, with a cash capital of \$20,600, to manufecture-sorghum sugar on a large scale by the diffusion process, The only thing to be regretted is that the epysratus, which was built for experimentupon the tropical sugar cane of Lonus, heave as the either cane, and more Would to work then sorghum, was not

The policy substantially agreed upon by Republican sensiors in relation to co rmation of appointments agrees precisely with the forwest of the NATIONAL REPUBman in May or Jupo last when sensational reports of impending troubles began to she their appearance. Each case is to be reated on its own merits.

GES. Perzuron LEE has been informed of his election to the governorship of the Old Dominion. It is believed he had pre. vicusly suspected that such might be the It is due to the efficient and hard-work

ing officers and teachers of our city schools

to eay that they are doing their work with rare fidelity and most gratifying success.

Breakfast Table Letter to the President-Ms. PRESIDENT: A few words in confidence regarding your message may not be imappro riate. Your tribute to the Vice President will do much to preserve his memory in his ory, much more than the presence of the Chief Excentive at his funeral. Your hint to Congress relating to the constitutional duries of the legislative and executive departments f our government is not the first time that the Presidents of the republic have thought it peressary to allude to there.

Washington, in his message to the House of Representatives that passed a resolution asking the President to transmit exetulu papers conwrather the Jay treaty, closed his exects) communication as follows: "It is essential to the due administration of the government that the boundaries fixed by the constitution between the different departments should be preserved: a just regard to the constitution, and to the duty of my office, under all the elecumstances of this case, forbid a compliance with your reuest." The House of Representatives repended by passing a resolution, by a vote of 57 to 25, "that the House was not bound to give any reasons for a call upon the Executive for

The return to the e od old way which Wash-Ington introduced, making a speech in joint resilor at the opening of Congress of about fifteen minutes, would relieve the President of the preparation, the press from printing, and Congress and the country of reading a fourteen-column message.

The elaborate statement concerning our forelen relations is interesting and instructive, and will be regarded by the people in most parts with favor. Exceptions are taken to your views concerning the construction of a thip cann't through Nicaraguan territory But it seems fair to assume that you would approve of the granting of government aid to a ship railway or ship canal under a guarantee of neutralty obtained by treaty with European and American governments, for the world's benefit, as a trust for mankind. These are good and noble ments, equal to the ten con but the trouble is mankind won't keep the commandments. It is just such entangling alliances that Washington, Mouroe, and the fathers did not wish to engage in or permit on the western hemisphere.

This is a practical age, and the people of every nation are in competition with the people of every other nation, especially those who live in the same zones. It is a commercial war for commercial supremacy on land and sea.

Eelf-protection and self-agrandizement is the spirit that controls our humanity, especially English, German, and French humanity, and if not on the alert, the American people will find the flag of the German empire flying over Morro Castie and the island of Cuba, and the meteor fag of England over the Sandwick islands, destined to be the richest commercial jewels of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. An enterprising commercial people like ours are not not to stand with their arms folded, in neutral attitude, and see the wealth of tho grand prizes of commerce, on land and sea, poured into the lap of Europe, without sooner or later bounding into the struggle with the power and the stride of a young giant.

Among the most important of your declarations are those favoring the suspension of the coinsge of the sliver dollar. You express alarm, first, because in the past seven years this government has purchased silver bullion at market price and coined out of it, in round numbers, \$216,000,660. Of this amount the govern ment now owns but \$72,000,000. To illustrate: £51,000,000 paid out and in circulation, \$93,000, 000 held as collateral for the same amount of silver certificates in circulation, leaving but \$72,000,000 free and unpledged in the government vaults. Judging the United States treas mry by business principles, as you would a bank, there would seem to be no cause for

Thus utilizing the silver product of this country is not a perversion of power, or cause for alarm. The fact that \$93,000,000 of silver certificates are in circulation among the people at par, based on silver dollars, in lieu of national bank notes, is not cause for alarm. It is as safe for the government, with the highest credit of any government on the earth, in time of profound peace and prosperity, to receive al. ver dollars for custom dues as it was to receive paper money, at prices each day fixed by the buillon brokers of Wall street, when on national debt was double that of the present, and its scenrities were 50 per cent. less than to day. These favorable changes certainly give no cause for alarm.

In your public declarations you favor binctallism that is, the use of both gold and sil ver. Why are you alarmed, when Congress exercises its constitutional power to regulate he value of both coins, any more than you were for the same power to fix the standard I weights and measures? Of course, it is reper, and you have the privilege, to recomand Congress to give reventeen ounces to th count, or an cunce of silver for a dollar. If such changes are needed, in place of doing away with the use of ounces, or dollars, why set recemented to Congress to use more silver in the coining of a dollar, because the merensed supply has reduced the market cine of silver bullion? The difficulty lies with the Emmeiers of your administration They are opposed to the coinage of silver dol ers of any weight or fineness. If they had the cower, they would coin only gold dollars. For als tenson they advise you to recommend courses to suspend the coloage of the silver ollar, as the most sagarious manner of de-

monetising ellier. Mr. President: Did it ever occur to you that the intelligent workingmen of this country, organized and aggressive, have not pullibard | fifty-five years.

coinage of the allver dollar?

Your expressions relative to the tariff appear a he favorable for protective policy, while your methods of enforcing the same are most entisfactory to those who favor a tariff for row enue only. In point of tact, it is the best piece f political legerdemain that has been written uren the tariff. It reminds one of the juggler who introduced his sleight-of-hand tricks to his audience as follows: "Ladies and gentlemen, the performance this evening will be a la legerdemain. It I shall so well succeed as you will not detect me, you will be pleased; if you are pleased, I shall be pleased also."

With the warra embraces of Morrison and Cuitisle on the one side, and the sagamous ecuncils of the prayerful Samuel on the other, you will seen be sale to walk in safety forward and back an a tight rope between free trade and protection, so the exigencies and the decarations of the Democratic platform may re-THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.

### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

white house.

suites of elegant apartments at the Hamil-ton. Miss Scranton will be a debutante this

every body to drive or wals, and in the afternoon the streets were gay with people, and the avenues resounded with the roll of

and the avenues resonates who are not carriages.

Mrs. Sherman received a large number of caliers. Miss Lizzie Sherman, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Thackerd, of Philadelphia, both daughters of Gen. Sherman are with Mrs. Sherman.

Mrs. Eustis and Miss Marie Eustis, with and daughter of the senator from Louisians, saw visitors all the afternoon. Miss Johnson, a nicee of the senator's, who will resend the winter here, remained in her room senators.

spend, the winter here, remained in her roo

spend, the winter here, remained in her room because of a recent bereavement. The family occupy the house occupied last winter by Justice Harlan, 1623 Massachusetts avenue. Miss Fustis and Miss Johnson will enter society this winter. The young ladies are cousins of Miss Luli Eustis, the grand-daughter of Mr. W. W. Corcoran.

Mrs. Vance was also the recipient of much attention from the Thursday callers.

Mrs. Beck is with her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Goodloe, at 1706 Rhode Island avenue, but is too till to see callers.

HUNTED DOWN: A Mystery Solved. By MAX Britany. A. N. Marquis & Co. Chi-cago. For sale at Brentano's. Those lovers of the sensational and mysterious -- whose name is legion-have a choice feast in "Hunted Down." author says the story is true. It carries the reader from London to Stockholm, thence to St. Petersburg, from there to Paris, and back again to London. The hero wonderfully escapes, but is protected by a mysterious deliverer from all dangers, seen or

terious deliverer from all dangers, seen or unforseen.

Mr. Hillary is well recommended, as is been his book. The London Times says; "The author is one of the most entertaining story tellors of the day." The Pall Mall Gasette says; "If there be any reader who can take it up at the beginning of the evening and go to bed before the thrilling mystery is solved, fletion is not for them." The London Review says it is "the best sensitional story since "Called Back." The Hartford Post thinks "the publishers are doing an excellent work in presenting the best works in this vein for the masses." best works in this vein for the masses.

A LUCKY WAIP: A Story for Mothers of fitting and School Life, thy Et.Liz E. Kas ton, Pluno, extra-rioth, Price St. Now York: Fowler & Wells Co., publishers, 75 Bresdway.

This work, with its graphic pictures of bome and school life, is full of suggestion for mothers and other home educators who feel the grave responsibility of their relation to their keeping. Written in the form of an attractive story, it follows its principal actors from childhood to maturity; and, as their ladding characters develop under the pen of the author, we are led to observe the effects of good and had culture upon minds of considerable natural diversity. The sadder pages of the book are, however, but passing shadows, and its cheerful ending will atone for them all to those young readers who may take it up for the story slone. The narrative is an amusing one for all those who are, directly or finitectly, interested in children, and is even adapted to the entertainment of the boys and girls themselves. We commend it especially to the attention of teachers about to award the usual premiums for scholarship. Indeed, there is every reason was This work, with its graphic pictures of

pecially to the attention of teachers about to award the usual premiums for scholarship. Indeed, there is every reason why teachers should interest themselves in "A Lucky Waif," for the author, heraelf a teacher, has remembered her co-laborers in the field of education whenever the exigoncies of the story would permit, endeavoring to win among her readers approclation for them said their work. A perusal of chapter IX will, we are contineed, enlist the warmest sympathies of every public teacher in the welfare of the book.

Civil Service Examinations. A competitive examination for book keepers for the departmental service will be held at the rooms of the civil service commission on Monday, the 21st Instant, at 10 o'clock a. m. This examination will consist of the regular departmental ex-amination, either general or limited, and amination, either general or limited, and sidditional questions and exercises to test the knowledge and experience of the applicants in the art of bookkeeping and accounts. Persons who have already been examined, and are eligible on a departmental register, will be required to take the supplementary part of this examination only. Application blanks, on which the formal application must be made, will be supplied by the commission on request by mail. Further information will accompany the application blanks.

ton. Miss Scranton will be a debutante this winter.

Miss Dora Thayer, sister of Mrs. Frank Riggs, will be married to Rev. Mr. Addison, of Messachusetts, at St. John's Church, early in January. It will be a moraing wedding, with six bridesmalds and six ushers, and a breakfast, to which only the near family relatives are invited.

The Swedish minister and Mme. Reuterskield gave a dinner last Sabbath to the members of the diplomatic corps to meet Baron and the Baroness d'Itajuba.

The new minister from Brazil and the Baroness d'Itajuba, accompanied by the wife of the dean of the diplomatic corps, Mme. Nogueiras, made their state calls on Wednesday upon the President, Miss Cleveland, on the diplomats, and on the members of the Cabinet.

Mrs. Vilas received a large number of callers on Wednesday. Mrs. Hubbard, mother of the Attorney General, has removed from Massachusetts avenue to 1315 Rhode Island avenue, just out of Iowa circie, and is at home on Wednesdays.

Senator and Mrs. Frye, of Maine, have resumed their apartments of last season at the Hamilton.

Treasurer Jordan has taken the house on Lower Fees for Foreign Money Orders. The Postmaster General has made an order fixing the fees on international money orders on and after Jan. 1, 1886, as follows: the Hamilton.

Treasurer Jordan has taken the house of the corner of Sixteenth and P streets, and
Mrs. Jordan and family are established
there. Miss Jordan will make her debut in
society this winter.
The ladies of the diplomatic corps who For sums not exceeding \$10, 10 cents; over \$10 and not exceeding \$20, 20 cents; over \$20 and not exceeding \$30, 30 cents; over \$50 and not exceeding \$40, 40 cents; over The ladies of the diplomatic corps who were present at the requiem mass at St. Matthew's Church on Thursday, in memory of and for the repose of the soul of Alfonso XII, late king of Spain, were in demi-toilets of black. Mme. Nogueiras wore a trained diess of lusterless black satin with a mantilla of black lace on her head, the court mourning of Spain.

The balmy weather of Thursday attracted every body to drive or wally, and in the \$40 and not exceeding \$50,50 cents. This is a reduction of one-third of the present

Redundant Rascallty. [New York World.]

Mr. J. B. Mannix, the assignee of Arch-bishop Purcell, of Cincinnati, admitted in open court jesterday that he had squan-dered \$20,000 of the funds left to his keepng in wild speculation. The lamentable brought scandal enough upon the church, and to have that misfortune supplemented by the knavery of the assignee is enough to destroy belief in the integrity of mankind. The bendamen of Mannix will be called upon to make good his defalcation, but it would be a pity if alman so flagrantly violating a sacred trust should escape imprisonment.

The Great Question. [Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette.] The people of Washington turn with an air of weariness from the President's mes-sage and anxiously ask: "Who is to lead the

### AMUSEMENTS.

GERMAN OPERA NEST WEEK. The Thalia Opera Company, playing an engagement at the New National Theater next week, is pronounced the best organization of the kind in America. Such people as Schutz, Meffert, Stubel, Tunker, Luhe, and others would be very successful as stars, but the management does not allow any of them to be the relief attraction. The company is, therefore, especially noted for its fine ensemble.

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Yorn's Gerra House.

Miss Estelle Clayton, the charming and beautiful young actress, opens at Ford's next work with a new play called "Favette, the Story of a Waif," which is highly commended. An excellent company supports Miss Grayton.

ALRAUM's GRAND GERRA HOUSE.

Almadair's grand order House.

That old-time favorite, Maggie Mitchell, will hold the boards at Albaugh's in a round of popular plays next week. Her repertoire includes the "Pearl of bavoy," "Little Barofios," "Lorle," "Fanchon," and her new piece called "Maggie the Midgel," sinc is well supported. "Maggie the Midgel." She is well supported.

PRE MURRUM.

Monday and the week will offer us "The Two
Wanderver." "Plate." and "The Chiffornia Detective," all interesting and powerful plays to
the comedian-author. William H. Rigniante.
Then, also, the charming young actrees. MisClera Lleyd, supported by the great Vidoega,
John and Edna, will contribute their varied
takins for our entertainment.

HERZOG'S OPERA HOUSE.

### PERSONALITIES.

yesterday for a short visit.

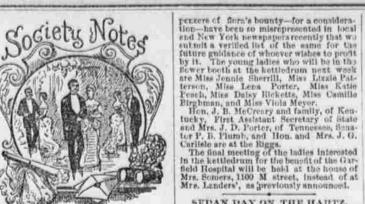
THEASUREN JOHNAN has returned from New COMPRELLIN CANDON WEST TO NEW YORK

The Counters Esterhazy is delightfully PAYMASTER JOHN C. SULLIVAN, of the navy The Counters Esterhary is delightfully dimated at 2016 G street, and, although in mourring for his excellency the late Count Sixheles Esterhary, of Hungary, is at home to her friends, as always. The counters all not go out until after the period precited by the court ethicated of Hungary, have and harmones d'highita are at home of friends, after à o'clock ou sunday, at the Adjustre. nd wife, arrived at the Blood had night. MISS JOSEP WILLIAMSON, of St. LOSIS, brave this city Sunday night for Jersey City and New York to visit friends, and will return believe th JEO. J. R. BANDALL, Rutland, Vo.: Chrs. C.

Beardsley, Iown, and Henry S. Wulker, Charlemon, S. C., are among the priminent Arington.

The event of next week will be the Gar-deld bettledram, besiming on Tursday af-ternoon. Mass Clevidand has gracionally presided to send forms from the write leave conservatories to the forst departarrive at the Ethitt yesterday. A PRIVATE telegross has been received been saying that her, O. H. Gregory, D. D., died at West Troy, N. Y., yesterday. Dr. Gregory has been a minister of the Reformant Charma for

Man. Hazen's attendant and assistant dis-



SEDAN DAY ON THE HARTZ. Scenes at a German Fete-A Romantic The advent of congressional families and Excursion and Legend. the pleasant activity they evince have made HARTZBERG, Sept. U .- This is "Sedan the city quite gay all week, and given impetus that will carry social affairs up to New Year's Day with a plomb, when the day," and the little mountain village is gay with bunting, transparencies, &c.

season will be formally inaugurated at the churches are all open for worship, and the women wear mourning for their fallen The President and Miss Cleveland are liv heroes; hundreds of school children are ing quietly and alone through the period of coming from the surrounding towns, mourning, with the occasional diversion of dressed in holiday attire, each bearing a red or yellow torch, wearing a bouhaving friends to lunch or dine with them quet of the emperor's favorite blossom, the cornflower, and singing, while the informally. Miss Cleveland has seen but few visitors since the death of the Vice mountains sound back the echo, "Hali, Kalser, Dear." These fets days are re-President, and those in the most informal manner. After New Year Day Miss Cleve-land will begin to see visitors regularly. ligiously observed, the love of the kaiser and fatherland being instilled very early. land will begin to see visitors regularly.

Monday being the justices' day, some of
the ladies of the Supreme Court were found
at home. Miss Nana Waite was assisted in
receiving by Miss Warner, of Destont, Mich,
and Mrs. Penhallow, of Boston. Mrs.
Waite is visiting in Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Miller and Miss Lida Miller were
also receiving, and Mrs. Field, on Capitol
Hill, was at home to callers.

Mrs. Blatchford will not commence her
delightful receptions until in January. The boys have manly faces, and all seem happy. What I admire greatly hera is the fact that the physical is combined with the intellectual training. The people live out-doors and excel in athletic sports. They believe the essence of education is the education of the body; that robust health is one chief source of happiness. A sound body for a sound mind is pre-eminently the motto of this people. Thus are they litted for more severe studies. Music, the drama, pictures, and sculpture—all form an important element in their education. While giving all possible praise to our American schools, I cannot question the advantage of having a regular system. With us a change of masters brings a change of method. The roverse is true here, a transfer can be made from one school to mother without a single gap. The boys have manly faces, and all Mrs. Blatchford will not commence her delightful receptions until in January.

Miss Haidee Williamson, of Connecticut avenue, will spend the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Stewart, of Stewart Castle, is now with her husband, the ex-senator, in Carson, Nev.

Society people who have been anticipating a ball on a grand scale at the Chinese legation will be disappointed. The minister has been suffering from a stroke of paralysis sustained early in the spring. He has never been able to pay his respects to the President. The recall has been received, and his successor. Chang Yim Husu, has

gap. In the matter of teaching languages they are unexcelled. Take a schoolboy from any part of Germany you like, he can write a Latin letter or read a Latin book as very few boys that I know can do. Our school French and school German is something to be deplored when one is obliged to make a

be deplored when one is obliged to make a practical test of it.

I heard a very amusing account of some ladies traveling. Their baggage went astray. They had studied German several quarters at home, but had forgotten all they knew but "Who has the shoes of my grandfather's neighbor," which was of very little importance to them in finding their lugrage.

with Mrs. Satiu, No. 1 lowa circle, for the season.

Mrs. Beach, in changing her day at home from Thursday to Tuesday, sent out cards of invitation to tea on Tuesday. An erroneous statement was made in some local journals that Mrs. Beach would introduce to society on that day her younger daughter. The young girl will not be presented for a year or more.

Miss Reed, of Stillwater, Mich., and Miss Reed, of Stillwater, Mich., and Miss Rutching of Competitors are constantly Mrs. Sabin.

Mrs. Senator Harrison is pleasantly located at the Woodmont, on Iowa circle, where she is at home on Thurslays.

Miss Herbert, a very attractive young lady, is with her father, Hon. H. A. Herbert, of Alabama, at the Woodmont.

Hen. and Mrs. Joseph Scranton and daugater, of Scranton, Pa., have taken two surface of elegant anythronic at the Hamil-

grandfather's neighbor," which was of very little importance to them in finding their luggage.

Some days since our "host of the villa," with a happy inspiration said: "We must go to Thale to-morrow." So with our own jelly party, joined by an English gentleman of delightful memory, we started. As we boarded the early train nothing could have been more perfect or enjoyable than the lovely morning as we passed through the valley. While the sunlight was gradually stealing through the trees, with the most perfect golden light, the air was filled withsuch a delicious freshness and coolness—the heavenly productions of these mountains.

At 10 we were at Thele and comfortably settled at the good Hotel Zehnpfund (Ten Pounds) quite ready for breakfast, which, by virtue of our early rising, we took with much satisfaction. Divesting ourselves of all unnecessary wrappings, and confiding our satchels and umbrellas to our loquatious guide, we commenced, not without many misglyings as to my ability, to ascend the steep foot path, but reassured by the smiles and gestures of our courier, and challenging the railery of my friends, I proceeded with them up the circuitous route. On one side was the wildest rocky seen financinable, on the opposite we looked over a stretch of hills and valleys, beautiful and most lovely in point of color. The whole prospect for more than one hour was one of perpetual delight, Stopping at occasional rests to gain fresh strength, we came at length to the precipious rock of the Ross Trappe. Here we found a fine iun, and the sight of an American party gladdened our eyes.

This rock projects into the valley of the Bode and rises to a height of 650 feet above the river. The name is derived from an im-pression on the rock resembling a gigantic

The legend, as told for a trifle, is this: The legend, as told for a trifle, is this:
The heather King Bode, himself a giant,
became desperately in love with the Princess Brunhildes. She, highly offended that
he should dare ask her hand in marriage,
determined upon a lasty flight. Mounting
and putting spur to her flery steel, she
leaped across the fearful chasm, the horse
striking the rock with such force as to leave
the impression of its hoof, which still remains.



The king, following in hot pursuit, was precipitated, horse and rider, into the river, companions of the hobgoblins and witches. Even now, it is said, they hold their annual carnival on the crest of the wave in commemoration of the happy escape of the princess. The little river is named in honor of the

The little river is named in honor of the unhappy king. Standing upon the rock, swinging in mid-air, we heard the finest echees awakened by trumpet and pistol. Just across the river is the Hexentaurplatz, whose rocky sides have exchanged smiles for many a hundred years. We have caught glimpses of beauty in our progress to-day that make us anxious to explore this wonderful place, and we have determined upon an early walk to-morrow morning. If we shall keep our resolution or not, depends.

EUSESIA. THE BOYAND HIS MUSTACHE.

Bob Burdette Tells An Amused Audience All About It. The Young Men's Christian Association

Mrs. Beck is with her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Goodloe, at 1706 Rhode Island avouue, but is too ill to see callers.

Mrs. Dolph was, as usual, the center of attraction of the concourse of callers that thronged her drawing room for too hours. Miss Dolph and Miss Odeneal assisted Mrs. Dolph in receiving. In the evening Mrs. Dolph gave a "small and early" to the young ladies who are to be her assistants at the confectionery table at the "kettiedram," Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The amateur confectioners wore the pretty costumes prepared for the occasion, and some of the gentlemen donned caps and aprons to keep them company, after the manner of the contingent of the Pot Luckians, of New York city. It was a merry party, and the hours flew all too flexity. Refreshments were served throughout the evening, and there were music and dancing: Among those present were Miss Mary Wilson, Miss Pauline Acklen, Miss Gerevieve Paul, Miss Mary Shellabarger, Miss Dalsy Ricketts, Miss May Potts, Miss Courtwright, Mr. James Morrill, Mr. Lunt, Mr. Greshem, Mr. William Acklen, Mr. Charles McCawley, Mr. Paul Brainerd, Mr. Hiccera, Mr. Haywood, Mr. Staley, and Mr. Bulkley.

The Postmaster General and Mrs. Vilas lecture course was opened last evening by Robert J. Burdette, the "Burlington Hawk eye" man, in a lecture on the "Rise and Fall of the Mustache," on which, perhaps, the only criticism would be that he did not slick close to his text. From beginning to end it was a m'xture of fun and pathos, cad it was a m'xture of fun and patica, wit and wisdom, so happily interspersed, and so admirably and naturally delivered, that the audience were carried from the serious to the ridiculous almost before it was realized. One would have hardly supposed from the little that so much of good common sense and advice would have been given, yet in his picture of boyhood, with its trials and its achievements (not the least of which was the mustache), many a father?or mother would have received new idees of parental duty, and a fresh insight into the workings of the youthful mind. Graphic and natural were Becerra, Mr. Haywood, Mr. Staley, and Mr. Bulkley. The Postmaster General and Mrs. Vilas the Fostmaster teneral and Mrs. Villa were at the New National Theater on Wednesday evening to see Mr. Jefferson, and on Thursday evening the Freich minister had a large box party, and Minister Euli esecuted some friends to see Rip Van Winkis. youthful mind. Graphic and natural were the scenes of every boy's life depicted, and when in his narrative the curtain feil on the Winkle.

Mrs. A. A. Wilson and Miss Mary Wilson received all who called on Friday afterempleted cycle of one boy's existence, the udience departed with the sense of a fresh neight into nature, one touch of which ackes all the world kin. Mrs. Lamont, of 2024 G street, has adopted the neighborhood day of the army and havy quarter, and is at home on Fri-

# The Willow-Trust. I carred thy name upon a willow tree, Among the breezy shades of Trywall, Antisarit: "Longya, do I give to these. Chi rish her name and make it dear to all: Even as thine own to beauty, hers to me."

Ab, willow! withow! love s delight no more. I willies then art to tak Louce's name! Never so take at the was time before! Never so proud a horitage of fame! I say, withou, and thy hopeless wrong deplace!

Biglsing the willow answered; "Think not There may be not see it, yet it may be minel but, if the benultul for common show. Deer to my freed it dwells as a few in thing again then down to worship, not in wo?" skaros Bosono.

A CLERK'S SUDDEN ABLUTION. The Mountit Fountain, the Inchriste, and the Good Samaritan-A Patketle

Appeal to Gen. Meigs. "Perchance those grand old heathers builded better than they knew," says Dr. Alaric Watte, Mies Harriet Martineau, or some other distinguished worthy. Let us fondly hope they did. Guess the "ayes" have it; for although the fragments of the Colorsus of Rhodes were sold for old brouze to some ancient Shylock, bath not our mod-ern Bartholdi gathered them again from the four winds of beaven to erect them grandly in our great northern harbor as a Staine of Literty Enlightening the (New York) World? But whether our modern architects have thus builded is a question upon which the following veracious chronicle may east a lurid light.

CHIEF MOURNER A CA JOURNALISTO PUNGRAL. I had, for lock of more remunerative employment, assisted diarnally in the last expiring struggles of a Washington newsper; indeed I officiated blandly at the lind obsequies, for the very last editorial which graced the columns of that aprilipand enterprise emanated from my brilliant pen. That great and good abstainer, the humoral Fayes, by virtue of an eight-to-seven finsh including the "little joker," ruled then in the land, and I was translated from my imprecurious position as acting system. the had, and I was translated from my impecunious position as acting system to the journal aforesaid to an humble clerkship in the interior Department, where the great British Bon-tamer, Zachariah Chandler, with his various supes and satellites, controlled his "three little Injun boys" and other miscellaneous interests.

A BAND WITH REES ACCOMPANISHENT.

A BAND WITH BEER ACCOMPANIMENT.

It was Saturday and a gola night at a neighboring summer garden. The full and rounded moon looked down upon the festive throng that filled the galleries and on the leafy courtyard with its colored lamps, where Toutonic waiters rushed to and fro with scores of mugs, grasped fearlessly in either hand, from whence the foam of King Gambrinus' nectar glanced like the pleaming crest upon a breaking ways. A of king Gambrinus' nectar glanced like the gleaming creat upon a breaking wave. A band of minstrels were slegging songs of an eminently unsabbatarian character to the accompaniment of an excellent orchestra, while the delighted audience seemed de-termined to recoup themselves for the au-terities of the morrow by taking a fond and feative grip upon the fast waning secular hours.

hours.
Sadly I bethought myself of some unrecorded homestend entries and mountered
over to the department, where, after showing my pass and registering my distinguished name, I was soon deeply humersed
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homestead of forty acres a flinty-hearted

in the wors of Mr. Dofanny, from whose homestead of forty acres a linty-hearted ralicead company was seeking to eject him. My task was finished, and, locking up my desk, I wandered into the great courtvarid to cool my fevered brow. A flood of light firadiated part of the massive building, while the rest was sunk in shadow.

The two fountains no longer shot heavenward their vast jets of water to their usual height of seventy-live feet. six inches and three-quarters, and one of them shone like a basin of burnished sliver in the mellow moonlight. Fondly glaucing at my new monlair suit I recalled the time, a few months back, of my first introduction to official life, and how, being seedy and impecupious, I had borrowed a piece of soap and a government towel, secluding them in the hip pocket of my threadbare inexpressibles, so that when the evening shades prevalled I was able to take a furtive but delightful bath in one of those very fountains, while the watchman nodded drowsliy at his post.

MUSIC AND SACRED MELODIES. The choir of an adjacent church was now rebearsing for the services of the morrow, and as the music from the beer garden on the one hand and from the sanctuary on the other reached my calm retreat, the result, if not inhermonious, was at least peculiar

O.1 feel so very jolly When dot band tegins to play! sang the minstrels in the abodes of sin, with a grand crescendo flourish.

From Greenland's ley mountains, To India's coral strand, To India's coral strand,
echoed the choir in a plaintive strain.
Presently I observed a dark form seated on
the edge of the moonlit fountain. It
seemed to sway backward and forward
with suppressed emotion, while some stining object gleamed occasionally in the
moonlight as his raised right arm appreached his throat. Thinking some poor
devil was meditating suicide I drew nearer,
and heard him talking wildly to himself.
At this precise functure the concert At this precise juncture the concercharged.

Hal hal you and me:

Little brown jug, don't I love thee?

caroled the profane, and the strange object in my neighbor's hand flashed once more in the mysterious light, while a hollow "ging, glug, glug," seemed to issue from his throat.

There is a fount—there is a fount— There is a fountain filled with blood there is a fountain filed with blood— sang the righteous in the distance. Then the lifted hand came slowly down, "I know it, pard!" murmured the stranger in emplastic but somewhat busky tones. "Put it right thar! I'll ramble on it werer time!" emphatic but somewhat husky tones. "Put it right thar! I'll gamble on it every time!"
"Little Brown Jug! Little Brown Jug!" choused the minstrels, and up with a flourish went the gleaming weapon, followed by the emphatic "giu.! giug! giug!" which was once more arrested by the calm refrain, "There is a fount!" "It told yerso," sighed my friend (sotto voce), "you derued ornery son-of-gam! I never tried to jump that claim; nary time! There is, you just let yer sweet life there is!"
"There is a fount! there is a fount!" chimed in the choir. "Sure as shootin!!" cried the lounger on the basin, by this time greatly excited; "I'm swore off from this out; there is a fount, you bet, you bet!" and here a pair of number sventeens seemed to blot out the whole surface of the glorious moon—a terrific splash, and all was over. mcon-a terrific splash, and all was over.

FISHED OUT FROM A FOUNTAIN.

Awakened by the noise, the watchman came to my assistance, and between us we fished out a recent appointment from the wild and boundless west, who proved to be a co-laborer with me in the official vineyard, although of semewhat bibulous tendencies. When he emerged from the bath au empty whisky tottle was still clasped fondly in his dexter paw, and after much persuasion I finally got him to move homeward. He lived, of course, in quite a prominent street, and many wayfarers that lovely night espled me wearily supporting his staggering form from square to square, while everyone who noticed the watery trecks which ended only at his door would frankly admit without a moment's hesitation that there was indeed a fount of much more mundanc character than that which the choir so discreetly—ney reverently—mentioned.

The SAD RESULT. PIBHED OUT FROM A FOUNTAIN.

THE SAD BESULT. Upon the ensuing Monday my bibulous fortsam joined the Jonadabs, and was rap-ially promoted afterwards; but upon the self-same day I was bauled up before an indignant chief, accused of unseemly conduct on the streets, whereas I had only played the "Good Samaritan," as Mrs. Partington right put it. Nothing but fifteen affidavits from the watchman, and a liberal contribu-tion pledged to the next campaign fund, saved me from swift and ignominous dis-missel.

A PERTINENT SUGGESTION. And now I hear that Gen. Meigs designs to decorate the polatial courtyard of the new pension building with a brace of fount-ains. Those pillared corridors, those lofty halconies, those funcreal urus are chaste and classic, but will the general deem it wise or generous, after these melancholy revelations, to place before a body of some 1,540 clerks such dire temptations? So queries

Domino.

The Sentiment of Wall Street. [New York Tribune.] There can be no doubt as to the position

of the business community of New York on the coinage of silver. Of the hundred merthe comage of silver. Of the hundred mer-chants at the chamber of commerce mest-ing yesterday just three apposed the sus-pension of the production of silver dollars, which has been going on half a dozen years or so at the rate of two millions a month.

A Work of Supercrogation.
[Philadelphia Press.]
When Land Commissioner Sparks gravely

declares that 00 per cent, of the pre-emption entries made under Republican administra-tion are fraudulent he simply magnifies his own asinine partisan bigotry. And there was no necessity for his doing that, A Lesson From Experience.

A woman from Experience. (Kew Orleans states.)
A woman can shoot at a trainp with a shoigun and never left the mark once in a hundred times, but when she throws a dioper of bolling water distress follows in its weke.